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Aim Higher – thanks

The team here in FCCC would like to extend our thanks to all participants who attended our AIM Higher event on the 25th November. The feedback we received has been incredible and we are delighted that participants enjoyed our guest speakers on the day. Thanks to you all for your commitment to Early Years in Fingal. Once 2018 Budgets are confirmed, planning will begin on our next event.

Child Protection

Mandatory Reporting and Child Safeguarding Statements – New Requirements

There are new legal obligations for early years' service providers in the area of child protection. All Early Years services and the people who work in them will have new legal obligations under the act.

From December 11, 2017

- Mandated Persons acquire new legal obligations to report child abuse concerns
- Relevant services are required to have a Child Safeguarding Statement – but have 3 months to comply
- Revised Children First Guidance & other support documentation come into operation.

On March 11, 2018

- Relevant services have until this date to publish their Child Safeguarding Statement. Fingal County Childcare Committee will support services to be compliant with legislation.

Capital 2018 Announcement

The Minister for Children and Youth Affairs is delighted to announce that there will be an Early Years and a School Age Childcare Capital Programme in 2018. The purpose of this announcement is to alert childcare services about the upcoming programme and give time to prepare to apply for the grants.

Strands

This year's programme call will consist of 5 Strands.

- **Strand 1:** Expansion of an existing facility or creation of a new facility (Early Years)
- **Strand 2:** Essential building maintenance (Early Years, community services only)
- **Strand 3:** Creation of new natural outdoor play area (Early Years)
- **Strand 4:** The expansion of an existing facility or creation of a new facility (School Age Childcare)

— **Strand 5:** Essential building maintenance & quality improvement (School Age Childcare, community services only)

Services can apply for all strands for which they are eligible.

Timelines

In 2018, Early Years and School Age Childcare Capital schemes will run concurrently.

It is hoped to open applications early in 2018 to allow for appraisal, decision-making and contracting to take place in advance of the summer.

Further information on 2018 Capital programmes will be available in December and full application guidelines will follow early in 2018.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Charter Training

The following are the first of our training EDI dates for 2018

This training will be delivered free of charge by Fingal County Childcare Committee.

This round of this training is being offered on the dates below and **attendance at each session and is required.**

Venue	Dates	Time	√
Crosscare Main Street Blanchardstown Village Dublin 15	Saturday 13 th January 2018 Monday 15 th January 2018 Monday 22 nd January 2018 Monday 29 th January 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	
The RIASC Centre Feltrim Rd Swords	Saturday 20 th January 2018 Monday 23 rd January 2018 Monday 30 th January 2018 Monday 6 th February 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	
Castlelands Community Centre Balbriggan Co Dublin	Saturday 27 th February 2018 Wednesday 31 st Feb 2018 Wednesday 7 th Feb 2018 Wednesday 14 th Feb 2018	9.30am to 4.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm 6.00pm to 9.00pm	

To book a place contact: sife@fingalcountychildcare.ie

A review of training

2017 has been a busy year for Fingal County Childcare Committee during the year, we organised a range of training courses and information sessions aimed at supporting early years providers, practitioners, childminders and parents. All training organised aimed to meet the different needs identified in the sector. We hope you found them to be beneficial. Thank you for attending.

The training included the following:

- AIM Information Sessions
- AIM Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Training
- CAPA Information Sessions
- National Aistear Siolta Initiative
- Supporting children's wellbeing
- Information on Capital Funding
- Aistear/Siolta Introductory Session
- Promoting Children's Wellbeing
- Wellbeing Policy Workshop
- EDI Anti-Bias Approach Session
- Affordable Childcare Info Session
- AIM Information Session (Parents)
- Child protection Training Refresher
- Affordable Childcare Training Session
- AIM Higher Conference
- Child Protection Training | Basic
- Child Protection Foundation
- Sharing Sensitive News
- Networking Managers Meeting
- Management and Leadership

For the year ahead, FCCC strive to continue to provide training that meets the needs of early year's providers, practitioners, childminders and parents and are always open to hearing your ideas for upcoming training. If you have any suggestions for future training please continue to fill in our evaluation forms at training and you can email us at info@fingalcountychildcare.ie

Transitions

Transition describes the experiences children have when they move to a new setting. This can include moving from the child's first place of learning i.e. the home, to a pre-school service or crèche, and within the different rooms of a crèche or from pre-school to primary school. The transition process is essentially the ongoing process of change for children, families and educational services to facilitate children's moving. The early years mark the beginning of these various transitions and so, early childhood care and education (ECCE) settings have a tremendous role in laying strong foundations for ensuring the continuity of experiences for young children. In order to support these transitions, and to make them meaningful to everyone involved, effective management and a variety of communication systems.

Further reading for ECCE settings - <http://aistearsiolta.ie/en/Transitions/>

A useful leaflet For Parents/guardians – <https://www.earlychildhoodireland.ie/work/information-parents/resources-parents/going-preschool-leaflet/>



We would like to wish all of our Early Years Care and Education Services, Childminders, Parents and of course very importantly the Children a very
Happy Christmas from the Chair, Board, Manager and staff in
Fingal County Childcare Committee.